

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

PATRICIA PITTENGER,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL CASE NO. 05-40114

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

HONORABLE PAUL V. GADOLA
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Defendant.

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ORDER ACCEPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Before the Court are the parties' cross motions for summary judgment and the Report and Recommendation of the Honorable Virginia M. Morgan, United States Magistrate Judge. The Magistrate Judge recommends that this Court deny Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, grant Defendant Commissioner's motion for summary judgment, and affirm the decision denying disability benefits. The Magistrate Judge served the Report and Recommendation on all parties on January 24, 2006 and notified the parties that any objections must be filed within ten days of service. Accordingly, any objections should have been filed by approximately February 7, 2006. Neither party filed objections to the Report and Recommendation.

The Court's standard of review for a Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation depends upon whether a party files objections. If a party does not object to the Report and Recommendation, the Court does not need to conduct a review by any standard. *See Lardie v. Birkett*, 221 F. Supp. 2d 806, 807 (E.D. Mich. 2002) (Gadola, J.). As the Supreme Court observed, "[i]t does not appear that Congress intended to require district court review of a magistrate's factual

or legal conclusions, under a de novo or any other standard, when neither party objects to those findings.” *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985). Since neither party has filed objections to the Report and Recommendation, the Court need not conduct a review.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation [docket entry 18] is **ACCEPTED** and **ADOPTED** as the opinion of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment [docket entry 12] is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant Commissioner’s motion for summary judgment [docket entry 16] is **GRANTED**.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 28, 2006

s/Paul V. Gadola
HONORABLE PAUL V. GADOLA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on March 1, 2006, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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